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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1092)

SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
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As the Bureau recognizes, the sanitation strike and the subsequent events of Thursday, March 28, 1968, have been covered rather thoroughly by the various news media.

Submitted herewith are Xerox copies of two articles as they appeared in the "Memphis Press-Scimitar" on Friday, March 29. These articles both appeared on page 16 of this newspaper. Of interest to note, one is prepared by BARNES CARR and is captioned "After They Fell, More Blows Struck." The second article, prepared by JAMES R. REID, is captioned, "Bottles, Sticks and Rocks Are Hurled at Police." These articles are written by two regular employees of the "Memphis Press-Scimitar" and yet they set forth what appear to be diametrically opposite views as to what transpired during the riot. It is of interest to note that one article alleges primarily police brutality, or at least the inference can be drawn from the article prepared by BARNES CARR. The second article, prepared by REID, appears to place the blame on the rioters.

Additional articles have been clipped from the newspapers and are being submitted separately. Because of the divergent views appearing in these two articles, I am taking the liberty of forwarding these under separate communication. It is suggested that one copy of these articles be forwarded to the General Investigative Division, Attention Civil Rights Section.

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